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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner preliminarily amend the specification and claims of the instant application as indicated below.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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18. (Amended.) The composite material of Claim 1, wherein the surfactant is selected from a class of surfactants having a disulfide bond or those containing a ketal group, siloxal group or the like.
19. (Amended.) A personal care product comprising the composite material of Claim 1.
20. (Amended.) The personal care product of Claim 19, wherein the personal care product is selected from a diaper, training pant, absorbent underpant, adult incontinence product, sanitary wipe, wet wipe, feminine hygiene product, wound dressing, bandage, and mortuary and veterinary wipe, hygiene and absorbent product.
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21. (Amended.) An absorbent product comprising the composite material of Claim 1.
22. (Amended.) The absorbent product of Claim 21, wherein the absorbent is selected from a sorbent or wiper.
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23. (Amended.) A multi-layered substrate with a surfactant applied thereto, said surfactant selected from the group consisting of a class of surfactants having a disulfide bond, a ketal group, siloxal group or the like
- wherein said surfactant lowers the surface tension of fluids contacting the substrate to which the surfactant is applied such that fluid intake into the substrate is not substantially adversely effected, and such that the surfactant is substantially inactivated upon contacting the second layer of the substrate.
24. (Amended.) The multi-layered substrate of Claim 23, wherein the substrate comprises a personal care product or component thereof.